

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

1 -4. (Canceled by previous amendment)

Claim 5 (Added by previous amendment). An elevator system having a building lobby and a plurality of sky lobbies located above the building lobby wherein each sky lobby is separated by at least one local floor, the elevator system comprising:

a plurality of shuttle elevator shafts for connecting the plurality of sky lobbies, a shuttle elevator being located for movement within each of the plurality of shuttle elevator shafts;

a first local elevator located for movement in a first local elevator shaft connecting a first one of said plurality of sky lobbies and a second one of said plurality of sky lobbies wherein said first local elevator provides service to the floors located between said first and second sky lobby, said second sky lobby vertically spaced apart from said first sky lobby in a first direction;

a second local elevator located in a second elevator shaft for movement therein connecting said first sky lobby with a third one of said plurality of sky lobbies wherein said second local elevator provides service to the floors located between said first and third sky lobbies, said third sky lobby vertically spaced apart from said first sky lobby in a second direction opposite said first direction; and,

a third local elevator located in a third elevator shaft connecting a second one of said plurality of sky lobbies and a forth one of said plurality of sky lobbies wherein said third local elevator provides service to the floors located between said second and forth sky lobby, said third sky lobby vertically spaced in said first direction, said third local elevator shaft and said first local elevator shaft are located along a first vertical plane.

Claim 6 (Added by previous amendment) The elevator system of claim 5 wherein the first vertical plane is located adjacent one of the plurality of shuttle elevator shafts.

Claim 7 (Added by previous amendment) The elevator system of claim 5 wherein said second elevator shaft is located along a second vertical plane.

Claim 8 (Added by previous amendment) The elevator system of claim 6 wherein said first vertical plane and said second vertical plane are located on opposite sides of a common shuttle elevator shaft.

Claim 9. (Amended) An elevator system having a building lobby and a plurality of sky lobbies located above the building lobby wherein each sky lobby is separated by at least one local floor, the elevator system comprising:

a shuttle elevator located for movement within a shuttle elevator shaft for connecting the plurality of sky lobbies;

a first plurality of local elevator shafts connecting a first set of said plurality of sky lobbies wherein each of said first plurality of local elevator shafts contains an elevator for providing service to the floors located between said first set;

a second plurality elevator shafts connecting a second set of said plurality of sky lobbies wherein each of said second plurality of local elevator shafts contains an elevator for providing service to the floors located between said second set wherein each elevator shaft of said first plurality of local elevator shafts is located along a first vertical plane and said second plurality of local elevator shafts is located along a second vertical plane, wherein said first vertical plane and said second vertical plane are located on opposite sides of the plurality of said shuttle elevator shafts.

Claim 10 (Amended) The elevator system of claim 9 wherein the first vertical plane is located adjacent ~~one of the plurality of~~ shuttle elevator shafts.

Claim 11 (Added by previous amendment) The elevator system of claim 9 wherein the said second plurality of local elevator shafts is located along a second vertical plane.

Claim 12 (Canceled)